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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk/Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, SC 29210

RE: Application of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity for the Construction and Operation of the Graniteville-South Augusta 230kV Tie Line and Urquhart-Graniteville #2 230 kV Tie Line and Associated Facilities, Docket No. 2017-221-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By statute, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is a party to the above-referenced matter and has filed a Notice of Appearance. The DHEC Bureau of Water has reviewed the above-referenced application and has no comments at this time.

The application states that no Navigable Waters as classified by DHEC will be crossed. The application also indicates that a wetlands delineation was conducted that identified approximately 12.8 acres of wetlands, 1.7 acres of open water and 2,010 linear feet of stream channels within the existing and proposed rights-of-way. However, the application doesn't indicate that any fill in wetlands or waters of the US is needed.

While the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control does not have comments at this time, the Department does not waive any comments, concerns or issues it may have in future proceedings before the PSC or when reviewing any relevant applications for DHEC permits or other approvals.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

Sincerely,



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